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SUBJECT: SPECIAL ARTICLE BY MADAME CHIANG ON THE US AND
DETENTE

1. SUMMARY: MARCH 6 AND 7 LOCAL MEDIA CARRIED A LONG, DISCURSIVE TWO-PART ARTICLE WRITTEN BY MADAME CHIANG WHICH DISCUSSES VARIOUS US DOMESTIC PROBLEMS AND, IN COMMENTING ON US/PRC AND US/USSR DETENTE, ADOPTS AN UNUSUALLY CONCILIATORY TONE TOWARDS THE USSR. WHILE THE APPEARANCE OF SPECIAL ARTICLES BY MADAME CHIANG HAS BEEN SPORADIC AND NOT NECESSARILY TIED TO OTHER EVENTS, THE APPEARANCE OF THIS ARTICLE--WRITTEN BY THE ROC'S MOST FAMOUS WOMAN -- MAY HAVE BEEN TIMED TO COINCIDE WITH THE ROC'S OBSERVANCE OF WOMEN'S DAY ON MARCH 8. END SUMMARY.

2. MARCH 6 AND 7 LOCAL MEDIA CARRIED A SPECIAL ARTICLE BY MADAME CHIANG KAI-SHEK CRYPTICALLY ENTITLED "WE DO BESCHREI IT" (OR IN THE CHINESE-LANGUAGE VERSION "WE DON'T WANT TO SAY IT, BUT WE MUST SAY IT"). IN A PROSE STYLE RELYING HEAVILY ON ALLUSION AND EUPHUISM, THE
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ARTICLE BEGINS WITH A WARNING OF THE DANGERS OF US/PRC

DETENTE, THEN LAUNCHES INTO A DESCRIPTION OF CURRENT US DOMESTIC PROBLEMS INCLUDING WEAKNESSES IN THE EDUCATION AND WELFARE SYSTEMS, THE USE OF DRUGS, AND THE GROWING CRIME RATE. "WHAT HAS BECOME OF THE GREAT AMERICAN

DREAM....?" " MADAME CHINAG WISTFULLY ASKS.

3. SHE THEN TURNS TO EXTERNAL PROBLEMS--THE DETERIORATION OF US AND EUROPEAN MILITARY IMAGES AND THE DECLINE OF THE UN. "WHAT IS IMPORTANT NOW IN LOOKING AHEAD,"

SHE SAYS, "IS NOT HOW WELL OR HOW BADLY THE UN FARES, SINCE IT NO LONGER SERVES AS A MORAL BASTION -- A STABILIZING FORCE IN THE WORLD HENCEFORWARD WHAT IS IMPORTANT TO THE WORLD IS WHAT DETENTE BETWEEN THE US AND USSR CAN REALLY ACHIEVE....WITH THE PRESENT MATURE AND REASONED LEADERSHIP IN THE KREMLIN, DETENTE EMBODIES THE NECESSARY GOODWILL TO BUILD UPON."

4. "HOWEVER," MADAME CHIANG CONTINUES, "DETENTE BETWEEN THE US AND RED CHINESE IS ANOTHER MATTER.....IN WHETTING THE OVERGROWING APPETITE OF THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS, THEIR APPETITE GROWS VORACIOUS AND WILL NEVER BE SATIATED. THEREFORE IT OFFERS NO SOLUTION....IT IS AN INCONTROVERTIBLE FACT THAT THE QUOTA OF MISTAKES PERMITTED A GREAT COUNTRY SUCH AS THE US IS FAR GREATER THAN IS PERMITTED A SMALL NATION. WE ALSO CYALIZE THAT SHE, TOO, HAS HER LIMIT AS TO HOW MANY MISTAKES SHE MAY MAKE. THE US IS FAST REACHING THAT LIMIT."

5. MADAME CHIANG THEN RETURNS TO US DOMESTIC PROBLEMS--ECONOMIC, POLITICAL, AND ENERGY-RELATED. "THEY ARE ALSO PROBLEMS WHICH WOULD HURT ALL OF US IN THE FREE WORLD AND ALSO THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES. IRONICALLY ENOUGH, IT COULD ALSO HURT THE USSR JUST AS MUCH IN ANOTHER SENSE. THE KREMLIN RULERS ARE CALLED BY THE EXTREME CHINESE COMMUNISTS NO LONGER COMMUNISTS BUT MORE THAN BOURGEOIS -- BOURGEOIS ELITISTS, MASKING AS MARXISTS. ALL IN ALL, IT IS A COMPLICATED AND COMPLEX PICTURE. BUT WITHAL I AM OPTIMISTIC AND NOT EVEN PESSIMIST-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CALLY OPTIMISTIC OF THE FUTURE."

6. MADAME CHIANG THEN QUOTES EXTENSIVELY FROM A 1966 SPEECH IN WHICH SHE ANALYZED USSR/PRC RELATIONS AND CONCLUDES THAT "NEITHER THE US NOR THE USSR AS THE TWO SUPERPOWERS COULD POSSIBLY BE CONNED IN THE LAST ANALYSIS ON SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES -- ESPECIALLY THE USSR.

IT DOES NOT TAKE MUCH POLITICAL INSIGHT TO KNOW THAT
US-CHINESE COMMUNIST DETENTE CAN ONLY HURT THE US-USSR
DETENTE IN THE LONGER RUN....CHOU EN-LAI HAS MANEUVERED
THE US INTO BEING A POLICY BODYGUARD TO GIVE HIM
PROTECTION GRATIS....HE IS FAR AND AWAY AHEAD OF BOTH
SUPERPOWERS IN HIS SUBTLE BRILLIANT STRATEGY. WE MUST
GIVE CREDIT WHERE CREDIT IS DUE ALTHOUGH IT IS BOGUS
CLEVERNESS WITH A BALIAL-LIKE QUALITY TO IT."

7. COMMENT: MADAME CHIANG'S CRITICISM OF THE US,
WHILE NOT SURPRISING, IS STILL OF INTEREST; BUT MORE
NOTEWORTHY, ALTHOUGH PUZZLING, ARE HER REFERENCES TO
THE SOVIET UNION, WHICH APPEAR TO BE UNUSUALLY CONCIL-
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